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The Introduction, shewing the Reasons for instituting a Lying-in Hospital for Married Women.

AMIDST the Variety of Charities, which are the Distinction and Glory of this Age and Nation, perhaps not one has been proposed to the Public more truly beneficial, or more extensive in its Benefits, than an Hospital for Lying-in Women. It would be invidious to compare this with the many noble Institutions, which in different Parts of the Town are growing Evidences of the Public Spirit and Humanity of the Times: But thus much it is natural and just to observe, that all the Arguments for establishing any Hospital, are at least as strong, when applied to this. Poverty is an Object of Pity; Sickness and Poverty united, seem to comprehend all the natural Evils of Life: But, as it is not the Case of every sick Person to be distressed in Circumstances, so there are not many Persons, thus distressed, whose Calamity it is to be frequently or periodically afflicted with Sickness; whereas, most Women that marry bear Children, and those who work for their Subsistence, are, for a considerable Part of their Lives, annually disqualified for Labour; at other Times their Labour is but a bare Support. During the latter Part

of their Pregnancy, and the Time of their Lying-in, the needy Family is wholly taken up in Attendance upon them ; and the Joys, natural at such a Season, are suppressed by the Wants which surround them. Or if they be destitute of this Attendance, how great is the Hazard that the helpless Mother, or the Child, or perhaps both, may, by their Deaths, become melancholy Instances of the Evils of real Poverty. If, besides, it be considered, that the Public is interested in the Life of both, as the Poor are the necessary Instruments of Ease and Happiness to the Community, this Charity will be so far from needing a Recommendation, that it is rather Matter of Surprize, a Design so full of the mutual Love enjoined by Religion, and of the Sympathy excited by Nature, has not been hitherto executed. However it takes Place at last, and must by Degrees flourish, whilst a Spirit of Charity and Benevolence prevails.—But there are some Persons whom it more particularly addresses for Encouragement : Ladies who have experienced the Pains of Child-Birth, this Hospital calls upon them to remember, their own Fears and Sufferings, their Expence in providing against all the possible Accidents of their Situation, how much they felt for themselves, how much for their Infants ! what Care and Attendance they thought absolutely necessary for their own Preservation, and what Grief they underwent at the Loss, or even the Indisposition of a Child. When they recollect all this, they cannot but sympathize with

with the Poor in the same Situation, who undergo all their Fears and Sufferings, without their Comforts and Conveniences. Other Ladies who have not experienced, may yet imagine the Distresses of this Condition, and will be naturally prompted by the Tenderness and Compassion of the Sex, to contribute to its Relief. Gentlemen too, whether Fathers of Families or not, are by Motions of Humanity in general, and Affection for the Sex in particular, powerfully excited to commiserate the Case of Women so circumstanced.

By the Plan of this Hospital, every Convenience these distressed Objects can require, is amply provided: Commodious Apartments and Beds, good Nursing, plain suitable Diet, proper Medicines, the charitable Assistance of Gentlemen of Skill and Experience in Midwifery, and on due Occasions, the spiritual Comfort of a sober and pious Divine. These several Benefits they will enjoy without the least Expence to themselves, and at a Time when their Condition renders them useless, or rather a Burden to their Families at home, to which, from the Care taken of them in this Hospital, they will, probably, in a few Weeks, be able to return strong and healthy.



The first Institution of this Hospital in 1749—its Progress—and its additional Name of British Lying-in Hospital in 1756.

THIS Charity was instituted in November 1749, by the Name of THE LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN, and the first General Meeting of the Subscribers was held on the 17th of that Month; at which Time, honoured with the Protection of his Grace the Duke of PORTLAND as President, and encouraged by the Benefactions of many worthy Subscribers; a Plan for the Establishment and Regulation of the Charity was approved, Officers appointed, Servants retained, and the House, then already taken, ordered to be furnished, and Patients received.

THE Number of Patients recommended greatly increasing, and the House being too small to contain them, it was thought absolutely necessary to enlarge the Hospital; and four small Houses contiguous to the Back of the Hospital, being offered and found to be convenient for the Charity, a Lease was taken of the said four Houses, at the yearly Rent of 50*l.* and the Houses were repaired and laid together, agreeable to the Plan approved by the Committee.

This

THIS Hospital retained its original Name, above-mentioned, till the Day of the Date of the following Resolution, when the Title BRITISH was added, *viz.*

General Court of the Governors of the Lying-in Hospital for Married Women, in Brownlow-Street, Long-Acre, April 28, 1756.

THE COMMITTEE of the Governors of this Charity, having represented to the GENERAL COURT this Day held at the Hospital, That, when this Hospital was first established, it was the only ONE in Great Britain SOLELY employed for the Reception of LYING-IN WOMEN, and that it was then thought sufficient to call it by the Name of, THE LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN.—But, other Hospitals, of the Kind, having been since instituted, a Title of fuller Distinction becomes, in their Opinion, necessary, on several Accounts, and particularly, that Legacies may be the better ascertained: And, the Committee apprehending that the following Title, which might with great Propriety have been taken on the first Establishment of the Charity, may be as justly assumed in its present flourishing State, beg Leave to recommend to this GENERAL COURT, That, this Hospital be, for the future, called and distinguished by the Name of, THE BRITISH LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN.

THIS

THIS GENERAL COURT, having duly considered the said Representation, have unanimously resolved,

THAT from this Time, the TITLE and DISTINCTION of this Hospital be, THE BRITISH LYING-IN HOSPITAL FOR MARRIED WOMEN: And that the said Resolution of this GENERAL COURT, with the Preamble, be forthwith advertised in the public Papers.

By Order of the Court,

THOMAS YEWD, Secretary.

The

The General Plan of the Hospital.

A PRESIDENT, perpetual.

FOUR VICE-PRESIDENTS, chosen annually.

A TREASURER, chosen annually.

Two PHYSICIANS and two SURGEONS, practising Midwifery, who deliver the Women in difficult Cases. The said Gentlemen have likewise agreed to meet at the Hospital in Consultation every Tuesday Morning.

A CHAPLAIN, who performs divine Service in the Hospital, baptizes the Children, Churches the Women, and does the necessary Duties belonging to his Function.

AN APOTHECARY, who prepares such Medicines as are prescribed, for the Women or Children.

A SECRETARY, who keeps the Accounts of the Hospital, attends at General Meetings and Weekly Boards, and does all such other Business as is commonly done by Secretaries, Clerks or Registers, at other Hospitals.

A STEWARD, who takes Care of the Provisions and Furniture, and does such other Business as belongs to the Office of a Steward.

A MATRON well skilled in Midwifery, who delivers the Women in easy, natural Labours, takes care of the Linnen, superintends the Nurses, and sees that every Thing, necessary for the Women and Children, be provided, according to the Direction of the Physicians and Surgeons. She has under her an ASSISTANT-MATRON.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Governors of this Charity is held every Quarter, and the sole Power of making Laws and Rules for the Government of the Hospital, is lodged in the said General Court.

A COMMITTEE of fifteen Governors are chosen at each Quarterly General Court, the Treasurer for the Time being, always to be one, any Number of which may transact Business. They meet at the Hospital every Friday in the Forenoon to receive the Women recommended, and to direct the ordinary Affairs of the House. Temporary Orders for the Service of the Hospital may be made by this Committee. But a Report of these, and all their other Proceedings, to be made to the Quarterly General Court. Any Governor of the Charity may be present at this Weekly Committee, but none have

a Right of voting there, except those who are Members of the Committee, and the PRESIDENT, or VICE-PRESIDENTS, if present. The same Rule to extend to all other Committees.

A SPECIAL GENERAL COURT may, on a Fortnight's Notice, be called at any Time between the Quarterly Courts, either by Order of a General Court, or of the Weekly Committee, or at the Demand of the Treasurer, or of any five of the Governors, the said Demand being delivered in Writing at the Weekly Board, and signed with their respective Names. The Business of such special General Court to be expressed in the said Writing and in the Summons to the Governors.

ALL OFFICERS and SERVANTS of the Hospital, above the Rank of Assistant-Matron, Messenger or Nurses, to be elected by Ballot, at a General Court of the Governors: And, on any Vacancy, the Day of Election for filling it up to be appointed, at least one Month, and not more than Three Months, from the Day such Vacancy happens, unless directed otherwise by express Order of a General Court: But the inferior Servants to be appointed by the Weekly Committee.

THE QUALIFICATION of an ANNUAL GOVERNOR of this Charity is a Subscription of THREE GUINEAS or upwards per Annum, and of a PERPETUAL GO-

VERNOR, a Payment at once of THIRTY GUINEAS, which intitles the Subscriber to recommend, and have in the House, one Woman at a Time. A Subscription of SIX GUINEAS per Annum, or a Payment at once of SIXTY, intitles the Subscriber to have in the House two Women at a Time, and so in Proportion for larger Sums.—LADIES subscribing the like Sums have the Privilege of recommending Women in the same Manner as Governors; and by an Order of the Quarterly General Court of the 6th of July, 1750, they have a Right of voting in all Elections at General Courts, for Officers and Servants, by Proxy, provided that such Proxy be a Governor of this Charity; or they may send a Letter to the Board without a Proxy, naming the Person they vote for, which will be regarded as their Vote. No Governor to be Proxy for more than one Lady at a Time.—Benefactions and Subscriptions of smaller Sums, than those above-mentioned, will be thankfully received, and properly applied to the Use of the Charity.

WOMEN are received into this Hospital, on producing a Letter of Recommendation from a Governor, and making an Affidavit of their Marriage and their Husband's Settlement; and where the Husband co-habits with the Wife, it is required that he join in such Affidavit, unless prevented by Sickness or some other reasonable Impediment; and it is also required that

that the Women produce a Testimonial of their Honesty and Poverty under the Hands of two substantial Housekeepers in the Neighbourhood, where they lodge or reside, in case the Weekly Board shall, on Examination, doubt of their being Objects of the Charity. During their Continuance in the Hospital, all Necessaries are provided for them and their Children, at the sole Charge of the Hospital. No Money or other Gratuity is to be taken of them by the Nurses, or by any of the Officers or Servants of the House, on any Pretence whatsoever.

FRIDAY being the Day appointed for the Admission of Women, they are required to be at the Hospital by ten of the Clock in the Forenoon; no Letters of Recommendation being received after that Hour, it being necessary for the Dispatch of the Business of the Hospital, that such Letters should be examined and entered by the Secretary, before the Weekly Board sits, who enter upon Business at Eleven.

N. B. Printed Forms of the Recommendatory Letter are to be had at the Hospital, and Affidavits are prepared at the Hospital by the Secretary, *Gratis.*



Female Pupils, the Qualifications necessary to their Admittance, and the Methods of instructing them in Midwifery.

THAT this Charity might be rendered more extensively useful to the Public, and that not only this great Metropolis, but the remotest Parts of the Kingdom, might be supplied with well-instructed and experienced Midwives, on the 25th of June, 1752, it was proposed, that Female Pupils should be permitted to attend Labours, under the immediate Inspection of the Matron, and the occasional Directions of the Gentlemen of the Faculty, who have undertaken to instruct them in all Matters relating to the Business of Midwifery. Which Proposal being maturely considered, and the Committee having formed a Plan for regulating such Pupils, the same was presented to the Quarterly General Court, held the 20th of October 1752, and was then approved, and which is in Substance as follows, viz.

“ THAT four Female Pupils at a Time be permitted to attend this Hospital, in order to their being instructed in Midwifery, and that they have a Right to stay in the Hospital six Months.

“ THAT

“ THAT such Pupils be Widows, or married Women, not less than 25 Years of Age, of sober Character, and to be approved of by the Committee.

“ THAT they board in the Hospital, and dine at the Steward and Matron’s Table.

“ THAT the Gentlemen of the Faculty attending the Hospital, do at stated Times give them Lectures in Midwifery, and instruct them how to act in all natural and difficult Births.

“ AND when they are thoroughly instructed and sufficiently experienced, they are to receive from the said Gentlemen, on their leaving the Hospital, Certificates of their Qualifications.”

THE Expences of their Instruction and of their Board in the Hospital have been settled by the said General Court, the Particulars of which, any Persons, desirous of becoming Pupils, may be informed of, by applying to the Matron of the Hospital.

N. B. No Pupils of the Male Sex are permitted to attend this Hospital.



The Method of admitting Patients by Ballot, when more are recommended by the Governors than there are Vacancies for.

THE Annual Subscriptions and Benefactions to this Charity being insufficient to support a general Admission of all Patients recommended by the Governors, the weekly Committee were under a Difficulty in what Manner to execute the Trust reposed in them, with regard to the Admission of Patients, so as not to disoblige Governors by postponing their Recommendations, or to afford Suspicion of undue Preference. And it being found on a Calculation, that the present Fund, consistent with other necessary general Expences, could not relieve more than twenty Patients in a Month; the Committee on the 4th of January 1754 came to a Resolution, which had the Approbation and Sanction of a general Court, held on the 16th of January following, THAT there should be no more than forty Patients in the House, and on the List for Admission, at the same Time; and that as Patients were discharged from the Hospital, the Vacancies should be supplied in the following Manner by other Patients recommended, that every Governor might have an equal Chance for the Admission of his or her Patient.

First, the respective Time of each Patient's Reckoning is taken by some of the Gentlemen of the Faculty, or by the Matron, and subscribed at the Bottom of their respective Letters of Recommendation, *viz.* Those who reckon between the 1st and 10th Days of the Month, inclusive, are set down as reckoning the Beginning of the Month; those between the 11th and 20th inclusive, as reckoning the Middle of the Month; and those between the 21st and last Day of the Month inclusive, as reckoning the End of the Month.

Secondly, The Secretary accordingly prepares a Monthly List in three Classes, *viz.*

The Beginning.	Middle.	End.
A. B.	I. K.	R. S.
C. D.	L. M.	T. V.
E. F.	N. O.	W. X.
G. H.	P. Q.	Y. Z.

Thirdly, On each Board-Day the Number of Vacancies are declared, which are filled up by Patients standing in the first Class. If more Patients stand in the first Class than there are Vacancies for, the whole Number of Patients in that Class ballot for the Preference, by drawing black and white Balls; for which Purpose as many white Balls are put into a Bag as there are Vacancies, and as many black Balls as, with

the white Balls, make up the Number of Patients balloting.—Those drawing the white Balls receive immediate Orders for Admission.—Those drawing the black Balls are taken in the next succeeding Board-Day, without balloting, if there are sufficient Vacancies. If not, they again ballot among themselves for the Preference, without being joined with any new recommended Patient: And such of them as then draw black Balls, are in the same Manner referred to the next succeeding Board-Day; when, if not delivered at home before, they are expected to attend, or they will of course lose their Turn of Admission.

By this Method, there can be no Favour or Partiality shewn to the Recommendation of any Governor; for each Patient, with the Restrictions above-mentioned, ballots agreeable to her Time of Reckoning, and has an equal Chance of Admission with the Patients who reckon at the same Time, whether she has or has not attended former Board-Days.

A METHOD has been used by some Governors, to give Letters of Recommendation to Patients, two Months, or more, before the Time of their Reckoning, which has not only created great Trouble and Loss of Time to the Patients, but disengaged such Governors, when their Recommendations have been postponed. To remedy which, the Governors for the future are desired not to recommend any Patient till

till she shall be in the last Month of her Pregnancy. And to prevent, as much as possible, such Patients from imposing on the Governor by giving a false Reckoning, the Governor is desired to inform her that she will be questioned by the Gentlemen of the Faculty, or Matron, as abovementioned ; and that if any designed Imposition should be discovered, her Recommendation will be forfeited.

If any Governor shall think of any Method of improving the present Plan of admitting Patients, the Committee would take it as a Favour, if they would transmit to them their Thoughts in Writing on the Subject, as their whole Views are to promote and regulate, in the best Manner they are able, this most useful and excellent Charity.

N. B. As the Annual Subscriptions and Benefactions increase, the Number of Patients in the House and on the List will be augmented.

☞ It will be esteemed a great Benefit to the Charity, if Ladies would be pleased occasionally to visit the Hospital, to inspect the Management of the Women and Children. And in case they shall please to signify their Observations by Letter to the Weekly Board, they will be duly regarded.



The Reasons offered by the Governors for their refusing to admit Unmarried Women, and for taking Affidavits from the Married.

QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT, April 10, 1754.

SEVERAL Persons, who have been applied to for Benefactions to this Hospital, having objected, That it admits only *Married Women*, but refuses the *Unmarried*, who are no less Objects of Compassion; the Governors, who have had frequent Deliberations on the Subject, find it necessary to give the Public the following Reasons for their Conduct.

THEY allow, that every Fellow-Creature in Distress is an Object of Compassion, even though that Distress is ever so apparently the Consequence of their Vices.—Nevertheless, as Members of Society, they think they should not be justified, without the Sanction of the Legislature, in receiving such Objects:

FIRST, Because the Legislature has considered the Persons in Question as criminal; has rendered them liable to Punishments, and has declared their Offspring illegitimate; on Purpose, no doubt, to discourage the Vices of Individuals, and thereby preserve the good Order of the Whole:

SECONDLY, Because Bastard Children gain a Settlement in the Parish where they are born; they think therefore they should do an Act of Injustice to the Parish, in which the Hospital is situated, in bringing upon it the Incumbrance

brance of these Children, which, in a Course of Years, might accumulate to a very great Number.—To prevent the like Incumbrance upon the Parish (as all other Children, whose Parents Settlements are not known, obtain a Settlement in the Parish where they are born) it has been the Custom, before the Admission of the Patient, to require an Affidavit of the Time and Place of her Marriage, and of the Place of Settlement of the Husband or Wife, in order, that the Parish might be enabled, should there be Occasion, to pass the Children to that Place of Settlement.

As this Custom of taking Affidavits has been objected to by some, as giving Encouragement to Perjuries and false Affidavits, the Governors would observe, that they do no more in requiring a Testimony on Oath of Facts, absolutely necessary to be known by them, than every Magistrate and Court of Justice does in all Matters of Evidence, that come before them: And it would certainly be thought a very odd Kind of Reasoning, and yet it fairly results from the Objection, That, because wicked People may sometimes be guilty of a voluntary Perjury, the Administration of Oaths ought to be abolished.

WHEN these Reflections are maturely considered, the Public, it is hoped, will be of Opinion, that the Governors of this Hospital have acted with Prudence, and with a becoming Deference to the apparent Sense of the Legislature, in confining the Benefits of this Charity to poor *Married Women* only; and, as much as in them lies, to the honest and industrious Part thereof.

By Order of the Court,

THOMAS YEWD, Secretary.



An Account of the Women who have been delivered in the Hospital, from the 25th of March 1755, to the 25th of March 1756.

Delivered and discharged	—	—	—	—	376
Died in the Hospital after Delivery	—	—	—	—	9
					385

Of this Number 70 were the Wives of Soldiers and Sailors, the Rest the Wives of reduced Tradesmen, poor Mechanics, Labourers, &c. &c.

☞ There are at present in the Hospital thirty Patients, of whom twenty-four are delivered.

A General Account of the Women who have been delivered in this Hospital, from its first Institution in November 1749, to the 25th of March 1756.

Delivered and discharged	—	—	—	1971
Died in the Hospital after Delivery	—	—	—	52
				—
				2023

Of the 52 Women who have died in the Hospital, most of them came in, not only under Circumstances of Distress and Poverty, in common with the Rest of the Patients, but also afflicted with dangerous Disorders, exclusive of their State of Pregnancy.

☞ The Children born in the Hospital (twenty-one Women having had Twins) are in Number 2044, of which 81 were still born.



*An Account of the RECEIPTS of this Hospital, from the
25th of March 1755, to the 25th of March 1756.*

R E C E I P T S.

		£. s. d.
1755.	Ballance in the Treasurer's Hand at <i>Lady-day 1755</i>	2 1 4
April 15th,	By the Rev. Mr. Ward, to be a perpetual Governor	31 10 0
16th,	By Lady Betty Germaine, a Benefaction —	10 10 0
19th,	By Mr. G. Gurnell, Part of Mr. Jonathan Gur- nell's Legacy —	50 0 0
25th,	By Lord Windsor, to be a perpetual Governor	31 10 0
May 6th,	By J. T. by the Hands of Jos. Chaplin Hankey, Esq; a Benefaction	5 5 0
20th,	By Mrs. Anne Fielding, a Benefaction — —	2 2 0
June 24th,	By the Rev. Mr. Hum- phry Thomas, a Legacy left by Miss Hill of Falmouth — —	20 0 0
	By Mrs. Elizabeth Magens, to be a perpetual Go- vernor — — —	31 10 0

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June

RECEIPTS CONTINUED.

			L.	s.	d.
1755.					
June 24th,	Brought over — —		184	8	4
	By Mrs. Magdalen Lou- bier, to be a perpetual	31 10			0
	Governor — —				
July 19th,	By Miss Mary Hankey, to be a perpetual Governor	31 10			0
21st,	By Mrs. Sydenham, a Be- nefaction — —	1 18			0
Aug. 20th,	By Mrs. Wright, a Bene- faction — —	1 1			0
	By Mrs. Child, ditto —	1 1			0
Nov. 18th,	By Sir Rich. Adams, Knt. to be a perpetual Go- vernor — —	31 10			0
19th,	By Mr. Francis Plummer, to be a perpetual Go- vernor — —	31 10			0
	By Lady Betty Germaine, a Benefaction —	10 10			0
Dec. 5th,	By a Person unknown, by the Hands of Mr. Jack- son, a Benefaction —	21	0		0
24th,	By Mr. James Inglish, a Benefaction —	5	5		0
	By Net Profits of the Be- nefit Play — —	110	14		0
		461	17	4	

December

RECEIPTS CONTINUED.

		£.	s.	d.
1755.				
Dec. 24th,	Brought over — —	461	17	4
	By Elias Bird, Esq; to be a perpetual Governor	31	10	0
1756.				
Jan. 17th,	By Capt. Pett, a Benefaction	1	1	0
21st,	By a Lady unknown, by the Hands of Mr. G.	2	2	0
	Westbrooke —			
Feb. 7th,	By Benj. Moses Mendes De Costa, Esq; to be a perpetual Governor	31	10	0
Mar. 18th,	By John Spencer, Esq; a Benefaction — —	21	0	0
	By Mrs. Emerton, a a Pupil, for Board —	6	0	0
	By Mrs. Evans, ditto	4	10	0
	By Mrs. Butler, ditto	7	0	0
	By the Poor's Box —	18	3	4
	By Balance of Cash from the Steward —	1	16	10
		586	10	6
	By annual Subscriptions — — —	569	2	0
		1155	12	6

An Account of the PAYMENTS of this Hospital, from the 25th of March 1755, to the 25th of March 1756.

P A Y M E N T S.

		£.	s.	d.
For Rent and Taxes	— — —	117	1	9
For Salaries, Wages, and Gratuities to Officers and Servants, &c.	—	168	7	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
For Housekeeping, including Baker, Brewer, Butcher, Cheesemonger, Coal-Merchant, Grocer, Soap- boiler, Tallowchandler, &c.	—	673	5	4
For Household Furniture, Linnen, &c.	—	74	4	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
For Stationary Wares and Printing ..	—	51	19	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
For Medicines	— — — —	33	11	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
For Burials	— — — —	6	16	0
For Repairs and Alterations	— —	17	18	6
		—	—	—
		1143	3	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Balance in the Treasurer's Hands	—	12	8	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
		—	—	—
Total	1155	12	6	



*A General Abstract of the RECEIPTS of this Hospital
from its First Institution in November 1749, to the
25th of March 1756.*

R E C E I P T S.

	L.	s.	d.
From the first Institution to the 25th of March 1755 — — —	} 5381	4	4½
From the 25th of March 1755 to the 25th of March 1756 — — —	} 1153	11	2
Total	6534	15	6½

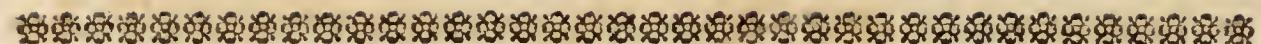


*A General Abstract of the PAYMENTS of this Hospital,
from its First Institution in November 1749, to the
25th of March 1756.*

P A Y M E N T S.

	£.	s.	d.
From the first Institution to the 25th of March 1755 — — — } 5379 3 0 ¹ ₂			
From the 25th of March 1755 to the 25th of March 1756 — — — } 1143 3 8 ¹ ₂			
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	6522 6 9		
Balance in the Treasurer's Hands —	12 8 9 ¹ ₂		
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Total 6534 15 6 ¹ ₂			
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*N. B. All the Debts of the Hospital are discharged
to Lady-day 1756.*



*The Names, of the Gentlemen of the Faculty who attend
the Patients of this Hospital, of the Chaplain, and
of the Officers of the House.*

Dr. GEORGE MAC-AULAY,

Dr. WILLIAM HUNTER,

Mr. JOHN TORR, Surgeon,

Mr. CHRISTOPHR KELLY, Surgeon,

Dr. DANIEL COX, Consulting Physician.

Mr. RICHARD CECIL, Apothecary.

The Rev. Mr. STEPHEN DEGULHON, Chaplain.

OFFCERS of the HOUSE.

Mr. THOMAS YEWDE, Secretary.

Mr. NICHOLAS PAGE, Steward.

Mrs. FRANCES OAKES, Matron and Midwife.

Mrs. ELIZABETH JONES, Assistant Midwife.

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The Names of the Bankers, &c.

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Postscript, containing farther Reasons for confining the Benefits of this Charity to Married Women.

May 28, 1756.

THE Governors of this Hospital did, about two Years past, offer to the Public some Reasons for their not admitting *Unmarried* Women to the Benefits of this Charity. * Their First Objection was founded upon a Presumption, supported by the apparent Sense of the Legislature, that the Admission of such Patients might give Encouragement to Vice.—The Second was, That Bastard Children gain Settlements in the Parish where they are born, and that it would be doing a manifest Injustice to the Parish, in which the Hospital was situated, to bring this Burden upon them.—The late Act of Parliament, which empowers the Foundling-Hospital to receive all Children that are brought thither, under the Age of two Months, has removed this latter Objection; though, after that Age, they may, notwithstanding this Act, become a Charge upon the Parish—But the first Objection still remains in full Force.

As this Hospital, therefore, was instituted solely for the Relief of the distressed Poor, who act conformably to the Laws of the Land, and the Principles of Virtue, the Governors are certainly justified in preferring Patients of this Class to those, whose Distresses are brought upon them by vicious Practices; because, in so doing they promote the Interest of the Community, while they perform an Act of Charity; whereas, in the other Case, they would indeed do an Act of Compassion, but perhaps prejudice the Society. A present Distress, though the Consequence of Vice, may

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* See Page 18 of this Book.

justly excite Pity ; yet all wise Legislators ever judge it right to discountenance, in future, those Vices and Irregularities, from which the Distress proceeded.

IT has, without Doubt, been owing to the laudable Intention, and good Conduct of this Charity, that it has met with such generous Encouragement from the Nobility and Gentry ; and that poor *Married* Women apply in such Numbers for Admission, as, indeed, to oblige the Committee, for want of a sufficient Income to relieve all who offer, to make the Women ballot * for Admission, when more apply than there are Vacancies for, which is almost every Board-Day the Case.—So that, were there no other Objections, it would be acting contrary to Prudence and Decency, and to the professed Intention of the Charity, to receive *Unmarried* Women, when the Hospital, from the Narrowness of its Fund, cannot admit all the *Married* who offer.

IN order to obviate what Objections might be made to this Charity, for thus confining its Benefits to *Married* Women, the Committee have thought proper, on reprinting the annual Account of the State of the Hospital, to add, to their former Reasons, the few foregoing Hints : And, they persuade themselves, when they come to be well considered, that they will suffice to justify their Conduct in adhering strictly to the original Constitution of the Charity.

By Order of the Committee,

THOMAS YEWD, Secretary.

* See Page 14 of this Book.

